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The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology is a coalition of not-for-profit associations dedicated to advancing biological science through collaborative advocacy for research policies that promote scientific progress and education and lead to improvements in human health. FASEB maintains its headquarters office in a campus setting located just inside the Capital Beltway with its primary entrance and exit off Rockville Pike and is within a mile of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). As a committed corporate citizen we support the inclusion of a world class medical facility for the treatment of our servicemen and women into our community. Because of our close proximity to the NNMC, we are actively interested in the impact of the BRAC efforts to consolidate the existing Walter Reed Medical with the NNMC. In particular, we are concerned with the DEIS and its estimates on our local traffic volume and patterns. Currently, there are over 350 staff members that commute to our campus each workday, with the majority having to use Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Avenue each morning and evening. Needless to say, we are concerned about the impact on our employees, tenants and guests with the increased volume of traffic on the already congested Rockville Pike. We request the EIS fully address the following concerns.

1. We believe the volume of traffic on Rockville Pike between Bethesda and Rockville should be the highest priority to both the Federal and local governments.
2. The Beltway “slip ramp” should be thoroughly evaluated and not dismissed out of hand.
3. The DEIS data on traffic impact is not consistent with a previous study for the same area and should be revisited.
4. The availability of DAR funds for traffic mitigation efforts should be reconsidered in light of the existing urban setting of the NNMC.
5. The lack of safe pedestrian and bicycle lanes of travel on Rockville Pike north of Pooks Hill Road (495 interchange) should be addressed.

We appreciate the opportunity to bring these issues to your attention and look forward to your responses to these critical issues.

Sincerely,



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